



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 227

LCO No. 1301



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT
COMMISSION COMMITTEE REVIEW.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the 2014
2 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
5 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal
6 treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this
7 subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such
8 election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I)
9 not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a
10 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit
11 it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee
12 of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the
13 two-month period preceding the day of an election at which a
14 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit

15 in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same
 16 candidate from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not
 17 audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372. (B)
 18 When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the
 19 commission shall randomly audit not more than fifty per cent of
 20 candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of a
 21 lottery conducted by the commission, except that the [commissioner]
 22 commission shall audit all candidate committees for candidates for a
 23 state-wide office and may inspect bank statements of any candidate
 24 committee not audited pursuant to this subdivision. (C) The
 25 commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a candidate for
 26 an office in the general election, or of any candidate who had a
 27 primary for nomination to any such office not later than May thirty-
 28 first of the year immediately following such election. In no case shall
 29 the commission audit any such candidate committee that the
 30 commission fails to provide notice to in accordance with this
 31 subparagraph;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b(a)(5)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the State Elections Enforcement Commission to inspect the bank statements of any candidate committee that it is not auditing in order to ensure proper distribution of surplus funds or to discover major improprieties with campaign funds.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]